



What's New in the City

City of Natchitoches

Cane River Zydeco Festival & Poker Run Labor Day Weekend September 2 - 3

September 1, 2016

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17th Annual Cane River ZYDECO FESTIVAL & POKER RUN
Food, Fun & Music

Schedule:
FRIDAY
 6:00 PM D.J. Doc Couty
 9:30 PM Zydeco Dance Contest
SATURDAY
 9:00 AM Poker Run Registration
 11:30 AM Ride Begins
 1:00 PM Gates Open
 4:00 PM D.J. Doc Couty
 8:00 PM Robert Moreno & Zydeco Re-evolution
 8:11:00 PM Marcus Ardoin & Da Zydeco Legends

Ticket & Event Information:
 Melvin Holmes 318-354-0899 or 318-332-7455
 Ricky Jones 318-652-1500
 VENDOR INFORMATION: Brenda Williams 318-671-1200

Labor Day Weekend September 2-3, 2016

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The Cane River Zydeco Festival began in 1989 by members of the Magnolia State Police Officers Association, Cane River Branch. The Magnolia State Police Officers Association is the state-wide organization that oversees the T-100 program. They also help the community through other various programs such as community service, Shop with a Cop, food banks and preparing Thanksgiving dinners for underprivileged families. Proceeds from this event assist in funding various community functions around Natchitoches Parish.

Events kick-off Friday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. with DJ Doc Couty, Poker Run registration and a Zydeco Dance Contest. Friday night events are free and open to the public.

Poker Run registration will also be held Saturday, September 3, on the downtown riverbank from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., the gates for Saturday's entertainment will open. Admission to the Zydeco Festival is \$8 on Saturday only. DJ Doc Couty will begin the festivities. Ruben

Moreno & Zydeco Re-evolution will take the stage at 4:00 p.m., followed by Marcus Ardoin & Da Zydeco Legends at 8:00 p.m.

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For ticket and event information, please contact Melvin Holmes at 318-332-7455 or 318-354-0899; or Ricky Jones at 318-652-1500.

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The Magnolia State Peace Officers Association will host the 17th Annual Cane River Zydeco Festival & Poker Run, Labor Day weekend on the downtown riverbank.

14th Annual Meat Pie Festival September 16 & 17

The 14th Annual Meat Pie Festival and 17th Annual Cane River Motorcycle Run will be held September 16 & 17 on the downtown riverbank in Natchitoches. This free, family friendly festival will feature fireworks, great music, motorcycle ride around scenic Cane River, presentation of Meat Pie Festival Queens, and many, many meat pies.

On Friday, September 16th, the festival kicks off with live entertainment by Aurora at 4:00 p.m. The crowd pleasing "Brew Fest" of free samples of specialty beers highlighting Red River Brewery begins at 6:00 p.m. along with the Meat Pie Festival's Inaugural Zombie Pub Crawl featuring Zombies from Dark Woods. Entertainment on the riverbank stage continues at 7:00 p.m. with a performance by Break Time for Francis, followed by Lish Star Shine at 9:00 p.m.

NATCHITOCHES, LA MEAT PIE FESTIVAL
 14th Annual FREE EVENT
 September 16 & 17, 2016
 "Lotta, Hotta Meat Pies, Music And More"

FRIDAY 4-11:00 PM
 • Children's activities and play area
 • Food, Arts & Crafts Vendors
 Come downtown and enjoy the music!
 ALL EVENTS HELD ON THE DOWNTOWN RIVERBANK
 4:00 pm—Aurora
 7:00 pm—Break Time for Francis
 9:00 pm—Lish Star Shine & the Spirit Animals

SATURDAY 7AM-11PM
 • 7:00 A.M. Registration begins 5K Run
 • 8:00 A.M.—Lady C 5K Fun Run
 • Children's activities and play area—Food, Arts & Crafts Vendors
 • Entertainment BEGINS AT 9:00AM:
 Carpenter's Nail—Louisiana Road House
 Ambush—LaCour Trio
 Floyd Grisby & 5 GK Band
 Mathew Ewing & the All Star Band

Fireworks 9:00
 Dedicated to Our Beloved Veterans & "Welcoming Home" Our Vietnam Veterans on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War
 River Run Ride Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.—River Run Ride 12:00 PM Contests, Games, and Events 3:00 PM—Meat Pie tasting and eating contest will be throughout the day. Great entertainment beginning at 9:00 AM!
www.meatpiefestival.com 1-800-259-1714

Did you know?

- All City of Natchitoches Offices will be closed Friday, Sept. 2 for Employee Appreciation Day and Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day.
- Deadline for Natchitoches Treasures Nominations is Friday, September 30. Please contact the Main Street office for more information.
- The 8th Annual Louisiana Studies Conference will be held Sept. 16 & 17 at Northwestern State University. Admission is free and open to the public.

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Ice Cream & Saints at the LASHOF & NWLA Museum in September

The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum invite you to enjoy the last days of summer and get the "scoop" on all the latest events and programming at the Museum on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Drinks and ice cream will be provided by FLASH, Friends of Louisiana Sports and History, free of charge. The event is free and open to the public.



On Saturday, September 24, 2016 the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum invites you to join them as they celebrate 50 years of the New Orleans Saints. The exhibit, *Beyond Sunday: Fifty Years of the New Orleans Saints*, explores the heartbreaking losses and euphoric triumphs of the team whose "Who Dat" fans always

believe. The exhibit opening reception will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, students and military, and children 12 and under are admitted free.

Escape from Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS This September

Beginning September 17th, groups will have a new experience at Fort St. Jean Baptiste SHS. It is May 13, 1732... the Natchitoches colony and Fort are dealing with the aftermath of the Natchez attack; tension is high and conspiracy is all about. Participants are arrested and jailed in the fort under the accusation of conspiring with Fontaine to steal goods and money from the fort. Participants have to solve puzzles and complete tasks, in less than 45 minutes, to get past the guards and escape before St. Denis arrives for their trials.

Groups must book in advance. Fee to participate is \$50 per group. Email fortstjean@crt.la.gov to request the program. For more information call (888) 677-7853.

Nominations for Natchitoches Treasures Now Being Accepted

The City of Natchitoches is seeking nominations for 2016 Natchitoches Treasures. The Natchitoches Treasures is an elite group of Natchitoches residents of retirement age who have made a lasting contribution to the community through their generosity, service, volunteerism and spirit.

Natchitoches Treasures have been selected each year since 2008. Natchitoches Treasures for the year 2015 included Mrs. Margaret Ann Berry, Mrs. Vivian Flores Prudhomme Duggan, Mr. Crawford Ficklin, Jr., Mrs. Gloria Jones, Mr. Jim Bob Key, and Mrs. Adele Scott.

Potential Natchitoches Treasures may be nominated by members of the Natchitoches community. Nomination forms are available at the Natchitoches Main Street Office located at 781 Front Street. Nominations must be submitted to the Main Street Office no later than Friday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m.

A ceremony honoring the 2016 Natchitoches Treasures will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Natchitoches Events Center.

For more information about Natchitoches Treasures, please contact the Natchitoches Main Street Office at (318) 352-2746.

LifeShare Blood Centers Hold Community Drives with Chance to Win Big

LifeShare Blood Centers are encouraging the public to save a life and get the chance of a lifetime. Those who give blood now through December 31st at a LifeShare Center or Blood Drive will be automatically entered into the 2016 Get in the Game for Life Sweepstakes! The winner will receive a ticket package for two to Super Bowl LI in Houston, Texas on February 5, 2017, and a three-night stay at the Hilton NASA in Houston during the event.

Community blood drives in Natchitoches will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

- September 6th at MidSouth Bank on Royal Street from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- September 6th at Brookshire's on University Parkway from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- September 10th at Walmart from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- September 12th at Northwest Technical College from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit lifeshare.org or like on Facebook.



Score your own
touchdown,
donate blood.



Ceramics Class September 8

Northwestern State University's Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer a beginning ceramics class starting Thursday, September 8. The class will be held each Thursday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Room 113 of the Fine Arts Annex until November 10.

The fee for the class is \$150 plus a \$20 material fee paid directly to the instructor on the first day of the course. Beginning Ceramics is an introduction to working with clay. The student will learn hand-building and sculptural techniques, as well as work on the potter's wheel. There will also be room for intermediate and advanced students to take the class and use the art facilities during the class time.

For more information or to register for the class, email bedgoodm@nsula.edu, visit ece.nsula.edu/non-credit/ or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.

Flute Recital September 12

Flutists Dennette McDermott and Nancy Hennen will present a baroque flute recital at Northwestern State University Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Hennen is a member of the faculty at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. McDermott, a professor of flute at NSU, will perform at Brandon University later this fall.

The program, "Musique de la dix-huitième siècle pour flutes avec et sans basse," will consists of works by Hotteterre, Loeillet de Gaunt, Jiri Čart, Telemann, Boismortier and W.F. Bach. McDermott and Hennen will be playing on baroque flutes which are copies of flutes originally made in 1740 and 1760 by the father and son makers J.H. and G.A. Rottenburgh of Brussels.

Meat Pie Festival (continued)

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On Saturday, September 17th, the fun continues with the Lady C 5K Fun Run at 8:00 a.m. Musical performances begin at 9:00 a.m. with revolutionary Christian band Carpenters Nail. Music will continue throughout the day with performances by Louisiana Road House, Ambush, the LaCour Trio, Floyd Grisby & 5 GK Band, and headliner Nashville recording artist Mathew Ewing & the All Star

Band. At 9:00 p.m. spectators will enjoy a magnificent fireworks show over Cane River Lake in honor of beloved veterans and in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public. For more information, call (800) 259-1714 or visit www.meatpiefestival.com.

Must-See Haunt Dark Woods Opens September 23



Newly christened into the Haunt industry for the 2015 Halloween season, Dark Woods Haunted Attraction was ranked #12 on the Top 31 Must-See Haunts List. Featuring some pretty phenomenal regional and national attractions, the national list is compiled by TheScareFactor.com. The site is dedicated to providing accurate and fair reviews of haunts, based on a collaborative effort of professional haunted attraction reviewers called "Scream Teams."

Thrilled by the ranking, owners Jason and Mardy Summerlin said their haunt is so new, they haven't even scratched the surface of the attraction and crew's potential.

"This is incredible," said Jason. "Any fan-based list is exciting, encouraging and beyond motivating. It speaks to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our cast and crew. We couldn't exist without them."

Entering its second year of fear-inducing mayhem, Dark Woods is proud to announce its icon character for the 2016 Halloween season. With the ringmaster away, Boogie is bringing a whole new brand of terror to the Big Top. He's the masquerading maestro of mischief at the Dark Carnival 3D. Enter Boogie's nightmare in this 3D Blacklight Haunt. Twist and turn through hallways and rooms full of crazed clowns and other denizens of the dark. Meet his band of merry misfits and carnival creeps.

Dark Woods will open select nights September 23 - October 31.

Victims will be immersed in an experience unlike any other, complete with state of the art special effects, sounds and lighting in the area's first ChromaDepth 3D Attraction. Monsters are real and they come alive at night in the twisted halls of the Dark Carnival's maze.

And remember, Boogie thinks mayhem is a laughing matter.

Dark Woods offers roaming creatures of the night, the return of many of last season's favorite characters and mayhem guaranteed to give you a fright. If you came out for the 2015 season and think you've seen it all, think again. Each season offers new chills and thrills, making the experience unique every time you enter the woods.

For more information, visit www.DarkWoodsHaunt.com.

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Miss Merry Christmas Pageant September 11



The 60th Annual Miss Merry Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, September 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center. Young ladies in the 12th grade in a Natchitoches Parish High School will compete for the title of Miss Merry Christmas and her Christmas Belles. Admission to the pageant is \$5 per person.

Lt. Susan Johnson Named August Employee of the Month

Lt. Susan Johnson was named the August 2016 Employee of the Month. Lt. Johnson has served with the Natchitoches Police Department for more than 30 years. She was recognized for her hard work and years of dedication to the City of Natchitoches as well as her love of working with the public.



Go Demons!



Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Sept. 2: Employee Appreciation Day. All City Offices Closed.

Sept. 2 - 3: Cane River Zydeco Festival, Downtown Riverbank

Sept. 5: Labor Day Holiday. All City Office Closed.

Sept. 6: Planning & Zoning Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 7: Historic District Commission Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 8: NSU White-Out Game vs. Incarnate Word, 6:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Sept. 10: Ice Cream Social at Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission free.

Sept. 11: Miss Merry Christmas Pageant, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Events Center. Admission \$5.

Sept. 12: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 12: Baroque Flute Recital, 7:30 p.m. at Magale Recital Hall. Admission free.

Sept. 15: Historic District Development Commission Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 16 - 17: Meat Pie Festival, Downtown Riverbank

Sept. 16 - 17: Louisiana Studies Conference, Northwestern State University. Admission free.

Sept. 19: Airport Commission Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport

Sept. 26: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 26 - 30: APHN Children's Tour, Downtown Natchitoches

Sept. 30: Return to the 50s Classic Car Show, Downtown Riverbank